

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 10 as follows:

In order to solve the drawbacks, a first aspect ~~an invention defined in claim 1~~ provides a guide apparatus having a track rail, on which rolling-element raceway surfaces are formed along a longitudinal direction thereof, and a moving block attached to the track rail by way of a plurality of rolling elements in a relatively-movable manner, the moving block having load rolling-element raceway surfaces forming load rolling-element raceway passages in conjunction with the rolling-element raceway surfaces, a moving block main body in which rolling-element clearance holes corresponding to the load rolling-element raceway surfaces are formed, and side covers attached to the respective ends of the moving block main body with respect to the direction of relative movement, wherein an end-face dustproof brush, which has a brush member whose tip end contacts a surface of the track rail and which eliminates extraneous matters adhering to the surface of the track rail by means of the brush member, is attached to outside of each of the side covers with respect to the direction of relative movement.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 4 as follows:

A second aspect ~~An invention defined in claim 2~~ is based on the guide apparatus of the first aspect defined in claim 1 and is characterized in that the end-face dustproof brush has a casing and a plurality of the brush members, and the plurality of brush members are provided in the

casing while being separated from each other at a given interval with reference to the direction of relative movement.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 10 as follows:

A third aspect An invention defined in claim 3 is based on the guide apparatus of the second aspect defined in claim 2 and is characterized in that, of the plurality of brush members of the end-face dustproof brush, the brush members located at outer positions with reference to the direction of relative movement have a large wire diameter; brush wires having high hardness are arranged sparsely; the brush members provided at inner positions are finer than the outer brush wires in terms of wire diameter; and brush wires having low hardness are arranged densely.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 19 as follows:

A fourth aspect An invention defined in claim 4 is based on the guide apparatus of the first to third aspects defined in any one of claims 1 through 3 and is characterized in that each of the brush members of the end-face dustproof brush conforms to a cross-sectional profile of the track rail, and each brush member is formed from a plurality of split brush bodies so that tip ends of the brush bodies can contact the surface of the track rail without fail.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 1 as follows:

A fifth aspect An invention defined in claim 5 is based on the guide apparatus of the first to fourth aspects defined in any one of claims 1 through 4 and is characterized in that an

accessory member, such as another seal member, is provided between the end-face dustproof brush and the side cover.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 6 as follows:

~~A sixth aspect An invention defined in claim 6 is based on the guide apparatus of the first to fifth aspects defined in any one of claims 1 through 5~~ and is characterized in that the moving block main body is provided with a side dustproof brush whose tip ends contact a longitudinal side surface of the track rail and which closes clearance between the side surface of the track rail and a longitudinal inner side surface of the moving block.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 13 as follows:

According to the ~~first aspect invention defined in claim 1~~, an end-face dustproof brush, which has a brush member whose tip end contacts a surface of the track rail and which eliminates extraneous matters adhering to the surface of the track rail by means of the brush member, is attached to the outside of each of the side covers with respect to the direction of relative movement. Accordingly, extraneous matters having adhered to the surface of the track rail are wiped away by the brush member, and hence intrusion of the extraneous matters into the moving block is prevented.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 23 as follows:

According to the second aspect invention defined in claim 2, the end-face dustproof brush has a casing and the plurality of brush members, and the plurality of brush members are provided in the casing while being separated from each other at a given interval with reference to the direction of relative movement. The extraneous matters that have not been wiped away by a preceding brush member are temporarily released in an interval space between the preceding brush member and a subsequent brush member, and the extraneous matters are then wiped by the subsequent brush member. Hence, the rate of removal of the extraneous matter is enhanced.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 8 as follows:

According to the third aspect invention defined in claim 3, of the plurality of brush members of the end-face dustproof brush, the brush members located at outer positions with reference to the direction of relative movement have a large wire diameter; brush wires having high hardness are arranged sparsely; the brush members provided at inner positions are finer than the outer brush wires in terms of a wire diameter; and brush wires having low hardness are arranged densely. Comparatively-large extraneous matters having adhered to the surface of the track rail are wiped away by the brush members provided at outer positions. Fine extraneous matters, which cannot have been eliminated by the outer brush members, can be eliminated as being wiped away by means of the brush members which are provided at an inner position and has a low wire diameter and low hardness are provided densely. Hence, the rate of removal of the extraneous matter is enhanced.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 24 as follows:

According to the fourth aspect invention defined in claim 4, each of the brush members of the end-face dustproof brush conforms to a cross-sectional profile of the track rail, and each brush member is formed from a plurality of split brush bodies so that tip ends of the brush bodies can contact the surface of the track rail without fail. Hence, the rate of removal of the extraneous matter is enhanced.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 6 as follows:

According to the fifth aspect invention defined in claim 5, an accessory member, such as another seal member, is provided between the end-face dustproof brush and the side cover. Extraneous matters which intrude the accessory member can also be eliminated, so that the function of the guide apparatus can be maintained in a good condition.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 12 as follows:

According to the sixth aspect invention defined in claim 6, the moving block main body is provided with a side dustproof brush whose tip ends contact a longitudinal side surface of the track rail and which closes clearance between the side surface of the track rail and a longitudinal inner side surface of the moving block. Intrusion of extraneous matters into the clearance between the inner overall peripheral surface of the moving block and the surface (an upper surface and both side surfaces) of the track rail can be prevented along with the end-face

dustproof brush, so that the function of the guide apparatus can be maintained in a much better condition.